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UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97**

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

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FEE

A fee in the amount as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is attached.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 discloses a single black color processing device for processing a single black color in response to a color image signal of a region which falls within the character region and the black portion.

Document A2 discloses a signal processing means for selectively outputting a second black component signal having a higher level than a first black component signal in accordance with a UCR or the first black component signal.

Document A3 discloses a technology using a non-compression path when forming a color conversion parameter based on a color patch.

Document A4 discloses a technology to handle CMYK raster image data with JPEG compression.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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